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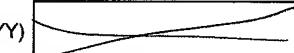
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"Graphite / Carbon fiber and wood neck for a strung musical instrument using Force Vector Controlled Geometry."

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